



# National Child Care Information Center

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## GRANTS and GRANT WRITING

The following resources have information about finding grants and writing grant proposals.

### Federal Agencies

#### ■ The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

World Wide Web: <http://www.cfda.gov/default.htm>

CFDA provides access to a database of all Federal programs available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); Federally recognized Indian Tribal governments; Territories of the United States; domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals. Information about “Developing and Writing Grant Proposals” is available on the Web at <http://www.cfda.gov/public/cat-writing.htm>.

#### ■ FedGrants.gov

World Wide Web: <http://www.FedGrants.gov>

FedGrants.gov, sponsored by the Office of Management and Budget, allows users to search grant listings by agency and activity. Grants are also listed by the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) code, and customers can conduct keyword searches.

#### ■ Grants.gov

World Wide Web: <http://www.grants.gov>

Grants.gov is a single, comprehensive Web site that contains information about finding and applying for all Federal grant programs. This cross-agency Web site has information about more than 800 available grant programs involving all 26 Federal grantmaking agencies. These agencies together award more than \$360 billion in grant funds. The site provides information in a standardized format across agencies and includes a “Find Grant Opportunities” feature to help applicants find potential funding opportunities. The site also contains an “Apply for Grants” feature that simplifies the application process by allowing applicants to download, complete, and submit applications for specific grant opportunities from any Federal grantmaking agency. The Grants.gov Web site includes application packages from several agencies, including the U.S. Departments of Commerce, Education, Energy, Justice, and Health and Human Services.

## ■ **GrantsNet**

World Wide Web: <http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/>

GrantsNet is an Internet application tool created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Grants Management (OGM) for finding and exchanging information about HHS and other Federal grant programs. GrantsNet serves the general public, the grantee community, and grantmakers (i.e., State and local governments, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and commercial businesses). GrantsNet provides a variety of Department-wide grant policies governing the award and administration of grant activities, and publishes these in grant policy directives, regulations, and/or manuals. Information about grants from the Child Care Bureau are available on the Web at [http://www2.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants\\_ccb.html](http://www2.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_ccb.html).

## ■ **U.S. Department of Education**

World Wide Web: <http://www.ed.gov>

General information about grants and contracts with the U.S. Department of Education is available on the Web at <http://grants.gov>

- *What Should I Know About ED Grants?* is available on the Web at <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/about/knownabtgrants/index.html>.
- *Forecast of Funding Opportunities Under the Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004* (November 2003), by the U.S. Department of Education, lists virtually all programs and competitions under which the Department of Education has invited or expects to invite applications for new awards for FY 2002. The report also provides actual or estimated deadline dates for the transmittal of applications under these programs. The lists are in the form of charts—organized according to the Department's principal program offices—and include programs and competitions the Department has previously announced, as well as those it plans to announce at a later date. Note: This document is advisory only and is not an official application notice of the Department of Education. This resource is available on the Web at <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html>.

## **National Organizations**

### ■ **The Finance Project**

1000 Vermont Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20005  
202-628-4200

World Wide Web: <http://www.financeproject.org>

The Finance Project is a national initiative to improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of public- and private-sector financing for education, other children's services, and community building and development. The work of The Finance Project is aimed at increasing knowledge and strengthening the capability of communities, States, the Federal government, and the private sector, to implement promising strategies for generating necessary fiscal resources and improving the return on investments in children and their families.

■ **Foundation Center**

79 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10003  
800-424-9836

World Wide Web: <http://fdncenter.org>

The Foundation Center's mission is to support and improve institutional philanthropy by promoting public understanding of the field and helping grant seekers succeed. Its activities include collecting, organizing, and communicating information on U.S. philanthropy; conducting and facilitating research on trends in the field; providing education and training on the grant seeking process; and ensuring public access to information and services through a Web site, print and electronic publications, five library/learning centers, and a national network of cooperating collections. Foundation Center resources include:

- *The Foundation Directory* (2003) and *Grants for Children and Youth* (2003) provide descriptions of private, philanthropic organizations and how to access available funds. Supplementary materials and services in areas useful to grant seekers can also be accessed through the Foundation Center's Cooperating Collections in major libraries and agencies around the country.
- Finding Funders is a search engine that permits searching for funders through various search strategies. This resource is available on the Web at <http://fdncenter.org/funders>.

■ **SchoolGrants**

P.O. Box 4431  
Dallas, TX 75208

World Wide Web: <http://www.schoolgrants.org>

SchoolGrants lists a variety of preK–12 school grant opportunities available to elementary and secondary schools and districts across the United States. It also provides grant-writing tips and links to useful online resources. Examples of successful grant proposals are available on the Web at <http://schoolgrants.org/Samples/samples.htm>.

**Additional Resources and Publications**

■ *Preparing a Grant Proposal: Five Steps in the Proposal Writing Process* (July 2002), by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), is a guide through the five steps in the proposal writing process: getting agreement on the problem, describing the project's expected outcomes, designing the program, locating funding sources, and writing the proposal. This resource is available on the Web at <http://www.arc.gov/index.do?nodeId=102>.

■ *Writing a Successful Grant Proposal* (updated April 16, 2002), prepared by the Minnesota Council on Foundations, outlines information that should be included in most grant applications. This resource is available on the Web at <http://www.mcf.org/mcf/grant/writing.htm>.

■ *Finding the Funds You Need: A Guide For Grantseekers* (August 2001), by Pennsylvania State University, College of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension, has information for programs that are responding to Request for Proposals (RFPs) and those that are proactively seeking out

operational and project funds from one or more of the many philanthropic foundations and organizations in existence to assist nonprofit groups in meeting their common goals. This resource and additional information are available on the Web at <http://cedev.aers.psu.edu/grantwriting/>.

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